

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Itzhak Bentwich

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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL  
REGULATORY GENES AND USES  
THEREOF

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the office action mailed February 11, 2008 (the "Office Action" hereafter), please consider the amendments and remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$1050 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which extends the deadline for filing a response to August 11, 2008.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

**Remarks** begin at page 2 of this reply.